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TRIPARTITE ALLIANCE OF JAPAN, GERMANY and ITALY.

We, the governments of Japan, Germany and Italy, under the common belief that the first essential for lasting peace rests only upon enabling every nation to have contentment and peace, being allotted to a certain sphere of activity of her own, have made it our fundamental principle to establish a new order for co-prosperity of its own race, in Great Asia and Europe, and to maintain the same; and have reached the decision to cooperate and co-assist each other in carrying out this basic fundamental in each respective field; and further, the governments of these three nations to be willing to extend their cooperative hands over all nations willing to endeavor in realization of the same idea in any part of the world; and in hope of the realization of our final object of establishing lasting peace, the governments of Japan, Germany and Italy have hereby entered into the following agreement:

Article I: Japan shall recognize and respect the leadership of Germany and Italy for establishment of new order in Europe.

Article II: Germany and Italy shall recognize and respect the leadership of Japan for establishment of new order in Great Asia.

Article III: Japan, Germany and Italy shall agree to cooperate with one another in carrying out the aforementioned policy; and, further, if and when any one of the signatories be attacked by any third power not presently engaged in the present European war, or the China Incident, the other two shall aid her in any way political, economical or military.

Article IV: In order to effect this alliance, a joint specialized committee, composed of representative members appointed by each power of Japan, Germany and Italy, shall meet as early as possible.

Article V: Japan, Germany and Italy shall confirm that the above stated articles of this alliance have no effect whatsoever to the present existing political relation between each or any one of the signatories with Soviet Union.

Article VI: This alliance shall become effective on the day of signature and shall remain in force for the period of 10 years.

Upon demand of any one of the signatories before expiration of the term, the signatories will confer over its renewal.

As evidence for the conclusion of this alliance, the undersigned, duly authorized by each respective nation hereby, has signed his signature on this paper on this day of twenty-seventh, the month of September, the Fifteenth Year of Showa, that is 1940 A.D.; the twenty-seventh day of September of Fascist Eighteenth year, 3 copies were made in Berlin.